# **Koy Sanjaq Syriac language**

Koy Sanjaq Surat (Arabic: سورث کوي سنجق) is a modern Eastern Syriac language. Speakers of the language call it simply Surat, or 'Syriac'. It is spoken in the town of Koy Sanjaq in the Erbil Governorate. The speakers of Koy Sanjaq Surat have traditionally been Assyrians and thus the language has generally been considered a dialect of Assyrian Neo-Aramaic. The Madnhâyâ version of the Syriac alphabet is used in writing, but most written material is in the Syriac language used in worship.

**Origins** 

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## **Origins**

Koy Sanjaq Surat seems to be related to <u>Senaya</u>, which is spoken by Assyrians who originally lived east of Koy Sanjaq, in the city of <u>Sanandaj</u> in <u>Iran</u>. Not enough is known about the language to make any definite comment, but it seems that Koy Sanjaq Surat may have developed as the language of Assyrian settlers from Sanandaj.

Koy Sanjaq Surat	
אהמס Sûrat	
Native to	Iraq
Region	Koy Sanjaq and Armota in Erbil Governorate
Native speakers	(800 cited 1995) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Afro-Asiatic
	<ul><li>Semitic</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Central Semitic</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Aramaic</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Eastern Aramaic</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Northeastern</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Koy Sanjaq Surat</li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kqd
Glottolog	koys1242 (http://g
	lottolog.org/resou
	rce/languoid/id/ko
	ys1242) <sup>[2]</sup>

#### **Influences**

The dialect also has much more <u>Kurdish</u> influences then other dialects of Syriac. It does not appear to be intelligible with <u>Chaldean Neo-Aramaic</u>, which is spoken by co-ethnics further north, or with the Jewish Neo-Aramaic language of Lishanid Noshan, which was traditionally spoken by the Jews of Koy Sanjaq.

#### See also

- Assyrian Neo-Aramaic
- Chaldean Catholic Church

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